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## Council hears request to resurrect cultural centre foundation

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

A volunteer board is hoping to resume the work of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation and is looking to the Township of Minden Hills for a loan to help get it started.

Councillors for the township were visited by Patricia Walshe and Jack Brezina during their Oct. 31 meeting.

"It's a separate charity, it's a foundation just like the hospital has a foundation, which is separate from the cultural centre," Walshe said, reviewing the organization's history.

Created in 2002, the foundation received charitable status in 2004, and raised money for the cultural centre for nearly a decade until it went dormant in 2013 following some disagreement between foundation members at the time and the council of the day as to how funds should be spent.

Among its accomplishments were raising \$45,000 for an expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and donating \$17,000

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Marg Valentine shows pieces of memorabilia from her family's past that she has kept safe over many years, including gas ration coupons, soldier insignias, and letters sent home by those who served. / **SUE TIFFIN** Staff

## Growing up in Coboconk during the war

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

Marg Valentine has vivid memories of her youth, growing up in Coboconk.

She remembers where buildings long gone once stood, and the two times a year that the teachers boarding with her family took their brief holidays. She remembers how much money she made each week carrying newspapers – about 18 cents – and the first dollar she had to change.

Marg remembers living through the Second World War.

"World War 2 started the day I started Grade 1 – there was no kindergarten then," she said. "And it ended the day I finished Grade 8, only because I skipped a grade."

Marg's dad had died the same September that the war started, and with the help of a family friend, her mom decided to continue running the service station her husband had run as a mechanic.

"I have my gas ration coupon book," said

Marg. "You had to make sure you got coupons for every gallon of gas you sold. A lot of gas stations, they either closed up or they were caught underhandedly selling gas at premium, I guess."

Marg's sister was eight years older than her, in Grade 9 or 10. "People a little bit older than her, who were maybe 17 or 18, were all keen to go to war," said Marg. "There was nothing else to do. It was going to be an adventure but it was going

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# Foundation has been dormant for years

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toward the construction of R.D. Lawrence Place (later named Nature's Place), along with funding a host of arts-related programming.

In addition to raising money for the cultural centre, Walshe pointed out that other benefits of the foundation include that it can apply for grants the cultural centre itself, being township-owned, cannot, that it can issue tax receipts for qualified contributions, that it can apply for a liquor licence to host special events, and perhaps reignite defunct events, such as Fire & Ice, which featured scotch, wine and beer tasting.

"We can do a number of things," said Walshe. Along with Walshe and Brezina, the current foundation board also includes members Jim Mitchell and Sue Tiffin. The foundation's revised purpose reads as follows: "The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (a non-profit charitable corporation) exists for the purpose of raising and receiving funds to support the programs and activities of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The programs encourage education and involvement in the arts of all residents and visitors with a focus on youth."

"We thought we'd paid off all the bills," Walshe said, but added some unpaid bills still on the foundation's books had been paid by herself and Mitchell, to the tune of about \$700, and they were hoping to be recouped, at least in part.

"We inherited this with a debt, we've personally paid that debt, we would like some of that money back . . . and we would not operate without insurance," Walshe told councillors.

The foundation board is looking for a \$2,500 loan from the township, one it would aim to begin paying back in 2021.

That loan would help recouping the money paid to cover the

debt, \$1,000 for a year's worth of insurance, fees for accounting and maintaining a website domain, "and it would give us some money to start operating," Walshe said. "It's hard to run any event if you don't have any money."

Brezina added that because of its legal status, the foundation could essentially act as bank for other organizations that may wish to make financial contributions for programming at the centre.

"One other benefit of having a foundation here that's specifically tied to the cultural centre that we experienced in our time, was that foundations that had funds they wanted to channel to an artist in the area would park the money with us, or give the money to us, and we would dedicate it to a particular project, we would hold the money for them and make sure that project took place," Brezina said. "So . . . the money did not go to the cultural centre, it went to a specific artist, but the foundation itself became the repository from that money from another foundation."

Walshe said the things the foundation can do with funds come through specific regulations from the CRA.

"We can pay somebody from Fleming College who was going to teach, perhaps, at the cultural centre," she said. "We can give it to a government, we can legally give it to the municipality to funnel through to the cultural centre."

Walshe said the board had a number of ideas, but without any funding to begin new fundraising programming, would likely simply close the foundation.

"You have my interest to do this," said Mayor Brent

Devolin. "You made reference to the CRA and some of the rules, because I know there were some complications in the past, so, I guess, from my perspective, I would like to see a report back from staff, that if we wish to do this, with the insurance and the tax receipts and all that . . . the shape and form that it could be done."

"I think probably most of us wish to proceed with this," Devolin said, adding it was just a matter of solidifying the logistics.

Treasurer and chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard said staff would have to do some research around the legal logistics of the municipality supplying a loan.

"We're not in the business of loaning money," Blanchard said.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell suggested perhaps a donation or grant, which would be much simpler logistically.

"It comes back in other ways," Schell said.

Councillor Bob Carter said he'd like to see a staff report regarding the situation.

"I'd like to hear from staff as to how they feel that the foundation would work with our organization, because I'm not aware, right now, whether staff is for it or against it," Carter said. "I'm generally positive, through what I've been hearing, but I'd like to hear officially from staff."

Township economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse said she could provide some insight as to how the township and foundation would work together.



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## Recognizing stroke recovery

The Stroke Recovery Canada flag was raised by member of the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Survivor Support group and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin outside the township office on the morning of Oct. 25 in recognition of World Stroke Day, which took place on Oct. 29. According to the World Stroke Organization, strokes, which can happen to anyone at any age, are the leading cause of disability and second leading cause of death worldwide. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## OPP bill \$1.8 million for 2020

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 31 meeting of Minden Hills council.*

Minden Hills councillors received the township's OPP requisition for 2020, totalling approximately \$1.85 million. Council resolved to defer to the bill to council's 2020 budget deliberations.

### Bringing janitorial services in-house

The township will consider the creation of a new in-house janitorial position after the lone bid it received for cleaning the administrative building and council chambers exceeded what councillors and staff deemed reasonable. That amount,

for cleaning of the buildings through 2020 and 2021 was nearly \$53,000, plus \$40 per hour for the cleaning of the fire hall or other services. A staff report from treasurer and chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard recommended rejecting the bid, "as the bid substantially exceeds the township's budget, and is not in the economic interest of the township to proceed."

A draft budget for internal hiring of janitorial services within the community services department will come back for council's review.

"In addition to assuming the janitorial services for the library, cultural centre and public washroom, this will provide an opportunity for the director of community services to develop both an understanding of the needs associated with these additional two facilities, but also a job description related to the additional position," Blanchard's report reads. "The assumption of additional janitorial duties within the department will allow for cross-training between staff members, and backup personnel, as required."

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# Insurance ‘an animal that’s going to eat us up’

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Local governments in Ontario are becoming increasingly concerned with the growing cost of municipal liability and insurance.

In October, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario made a submission to the province’s attorney general regarding the issue. Central to the problem is joint and several liability. Joint and several liability says that in a lawsuit where multiple defendants are named, if it’s proven that some of the defendants can’t afford to pay their damages, those damages can be transferred to a defendant who can afford to pay them, even if they are found to be only one per cent responsible. This is why townships are often named as defendants in lawsuits.

For years, municipalities have been lobbying the province for changes, and the AMO submission calls for a form of proportional liability to be introduced instead.

“... what is a challenge for municipalities and property taxpayers alike, is being asked to assume someone else’s responsibility for someone else’s mistake,” reads the submission, signed by AMO president Jamie McGarvey. “Municipal governments should not be the insurer of last resort. For municipalities in Ontario, however, the principle of joint and several liability ensures they are just that.

“Joint and several liability means higher insurance costs. It diverts property tax dollars from delivering public services. It has transformed municipalities into litigation targets while others escape responsibility. It forces municipal government to settle out-of-court for excessive amounts when responsibility

is as low as one per cent.”

“This increased exposure to liability has had serious ramifications for municipalities, both as a deterrent to providing public services which may give rise to claims and in raising the cost and reducing the availability of insurance,” the submission continues. “The cost of claims has caused insurers to reconsider not only what to charge for premiums, but whether to continue offering insurance coverage to municipal clients.”

The submission mentions a number of specific cases, where municipal insurance premiums have increased by large amounts in recent years. Currently, many municipalities are facing a year-over-year increase of 10 per cent or more, and the submission notes one municipality as facing a 59 per cent increase in its insurance costs for 2019.

During an Oct. 31 Minden Hills council meeting, councillors heard a presentation from Gwen Tassone, a senior vice president and account executive with Marsh Insurance about insurance and risk management. There are a variety of packages available to municipalities to best protect themselves and parties involved in public events from liability.

“Can you just generally talk about what’s happening with municipalities, in terms of their rates?” asked Councillor Bob Carter, “and the second part of that is, how are municipalities responding? Are they changing their deductible? Are they increasing coverage, decreasing coverage, what’s going on?”

“Generally, what we are seeing, especially on the liability side because of, to be frank, the competitive process, a lot of municipalities, the premiums have been reduced to the point that the municipal insurers, and there’s only a handful who will even write municipal business, have been losing money year over year over year,” Tassone said, adding there have also been increased instances of property damage due to events such as flooding. “So, generally, what we are seeing, for general liability policies, is up to a 10 per cent increase.”

“Getting no change is rare, depending on a lot of factors, including the risk mitigation process that is in place,” Tassone said.

“In the AMO submission, there’s some in the order of 16 and 17 per cent,” said Mayor Brent Devolin, “... so some of them are way up there, more than a point on their [tax] levy.”

Devolin asked Tassone if the insurance industry was part of the feedback process the AMO submission is part of. Tassone said indirectly, but that industry representatives were not directly at the table.

“This cannot go on, in this way and fashion,” Devolin said of the increasing costs. “It’s an animal that’s going to eat us up.”

“This is not sustainable at all, and it’s frustrating that something as simple as a public event that we get wrapped all up in this, and to protect our interests, we have to do what, in my opinion, is not in the best interest of our community,” the mayor said. Insurance deductibles and settlements for the township in 2018 totalled more than \$255,000.

## Body pulled from submerged truck at Ox Narrows

A person is dead after their pickup truck wound up submerged in Lake Kushog near Ox Narrows, police say.

In a press release, OPP said they were called around 8:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 29 to investigate the case of a missing person in Algonquin Highlands.

Police patrolled the area and on the morning of Oct. 30, said the pickup truck belonging to the missing individual was discovered submerged in the lake by a family member, the discovery occurring shortly after 8:30 a.m. Members of the OPP’s underwater search and recovery unit confirmed the deceased within the vehicle, and assisted with the removal.

The deceased was identified on Nov. 4 as Richard Victor Saucier, 68, of Algonquin Highlands. He was transported to Toronto for a post-mortem examination.

Staff

## OPPBRIEFS

### AH driver charged in CKL

A 22-year-old man from Algonquin Highlands was charged with several offences on Sunday, Nov. 3 by City of Kawartha Lakes OPP.

According to the police, the man was driving his vehicle in an erratic manner on Kawartha Lakes Road 48 when he was stopped by police. An investigation led to several charges including driving with cannabis readily available, possession of more than 30 grams of dried cannabis in a public place, failure to lower high beams to oncoming traffic, operating a vehicle while impaired and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on Dec. 5.

### Woman charged with spousal assault

A 29-year-old Hamilton woman was charged with spousal assault on Friday after a call was made to police about an incident in Eagle Lake.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say that a man reported being hit repeatedly on the head with a liquor bottle. When police arrived, they couldn’t find either party and after searching the area they found both of them together in a vehicle.

Following an investigation, police charged the woman with spousal assault. She is to appear in Minden court on Dec. 4.

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Joint and several liability means higher insurance costs. It diverts property tax dollars from delivering public services.

—JAMIE MCGARVEY

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**Nov 28 - Regular Meeting of Council**

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Remembrance Day Service at the county cairn, downtown Minden in the Village Green next to the CIBC on Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 10:40 a.m.

Following the service, a light lunch will be available at the Minden branch.

Those who would like to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the branch at 705-286-4541.





Workshop participants Debbie Walters, left, Adrienne Clark and Norman Daultrey examine a sculpture created by artist Jocelyn Purdie for her Nature FIXED show on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. These Highlands residents were part of a group who took a workshop led by Adriane Boag, a learning and access co-ordinator with the National Gallery of Australia. Boag was in Haliburton County from Oct. 15 to 18 delivering presentations and conducting workshops pertaining to the health benefits of visiting art galleries./DARREN LUM Staff

# Using the power of art for health

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Despite an ocean separating the two coun-

tries, Canadians and Australians have more in common than we think, said Adriane Boag, learning and access co-ordinator with the National Gallery of Australia.

"A group of people who are on a mental health recovery journey in Canberra are

not dissimilar in the things they care about or challenges they faced [compared] to a group of people in Haliburton. So that's a really lovely thing," she said on Thursday, Oct. 17, referring to the group of people she works with in Australia.

Boag has spoken around the world about how people can benefit from visits to art galleries, as an approach for non-pharmaceutical treatment. The co-ordinator has also been featured on the expert speaker series TED Talks in 2016.

She visited Haliburton County from Canberra, Australia and spent several days making presentations about the popular Australian practice, and worked with participants to put what she does in her home country into practice locally.

Boag was in the Highlands from Oct. 15 to 18, invited by Fay Wilkinson, an Eagle Lake-based expressive arts practitioner. The two met last year in Australia when they were speakers at the International Conference on Arts and Health.

Started in 2007 as the Art and Alzheimer's program conducted at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra Art, the program was renamed the Art Dementia Program to better reflect different kinds of dementia.

Wilkinson said although this practice was initially used for those with dementia, it can serve as a framework for people with other challenges, including mental health, and can be adapted to fit the needs of a community.

This approach offers intellectual stimulation and an opportunity for social engagement. Everyone in the group is encouraged to discuss, engage in interpretation, express emotions and possibly trigger memories for exploration, which can lead to greater well-being and quality of life.

Boag led talks and workshops in Haliburton, Minden and West Guilford.

One of the workshops included nearly a dozen participants at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Oct. 17 in Minden. The participants, who have worked with Wilkinson for the past few years, were part of the Hopes, Fears and Dreams initiative, which is a project of Art-Making For the Health Of It! and is a part of the programming offered

through the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services.

The group examined several pieces in the gallery's exhibition called Nature FIXED by artist Jocelyn Purdie, then discussed the details of the photos and sculptures, sharing ideas and thoughts; answered five provoking questions, creating poems with their answers; created miniature scenes with organic material and toy figurines, photographed them and printed the images and then transferred the scene, adding paint to paper.

Boag said when it comes to art therapy, the main difference between Australia and Canada is the execution.

"We do have expressive arts practitioners in Australia, but it's ... a different kind of process," she said. "I'm based in a gallery. I'm employed by a gallery so all the work I do happens in that environment so this is a different kind of model. This is more community based. So that's interesting to have that exchange as well."

Boag said she and Wilkinson were keen to work together so they could see what similarities existed between their programs and what ideas could be exchanged to enrich their own practices.

Boag was open to a continued correspondence between her group and Wilkinson's.

"I would definitely be talking to my group of people about what we did here and there is a potential that we might actually send something to Haliburton to this group. And they might send something to us. We might start an exchange where there is a feeling that people are not alone. They're more connected. I think my group would find that really exhilarating," she said.

Besides the fact finding effort, she appreciated getting to know the people through interactive opportunities instead of only leading talks in her first visit to Canada. This engagement opportunity raised a question for her.

"What would be useful for you in Haliburton?" she said. "That's what I'm interested in."

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# Moffatt floats housing task force

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Following a housing summit that took place in West Guilford on Oct. 18, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt asked fellow county councillors if there was any interest in a county-created housing task force. Moffatt noted there are a number of organizations working on the complex issue of more affordable housing in the community, albeit sometimes in silos.

"I'm just looking for, if there's enough interest of the county councillors here today, can we, at a future meeting, have some sort of conversation about what that would look like, how it would operate, who would be assigned to it," she said during a council meeting in late October.

There seemed to be enough interest for the issue to be discussed at a future meeting.

"I'm interested in having a subsequent conversation," said

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, adding, "But, the caveat is, not to add another process, or layer of bureaucracy."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said he thought it was important for any task force to have very specific goals.

"I'm supportive of it, but I want to know what this thing's going to look like," Kennedy said. "A task force, to me, is you're given a specific challenge with a specific job to do with specific delivery expectations. And what is that? I don't want another committee."

Moffatt said she wasn't thinking of a county-run committee, but rather a county-facilitated process of establishing a more centralized platform for housing work to get done.

"Just, how do we facilitate the existing work that is being done into one place?" she said.

Moffatt said she'd also like to see increased information-sharing between organizations, and an improved housing section on the county's website with better and more complete information for residents.

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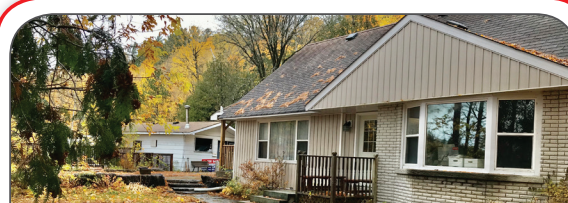
Just, how do we facilitate the existing work that is being done into one place?

— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS MAYOR CAROL MOFFATT

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## An enormous toll

ON MONDAY, in front of the cenotaph at the Village Green in Minden, residents will gather for a solemn, annual tradition.

Members of the Minden Legion's Colour Party will march in the flags. An address will be given. Community leaders and organizations and residents will lay wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph in honour of those who perished in war. *The Last Post* will play.

Similar ceremonies will unfold in villages and towns and cities across the expanse of the country, thousands of communities, Canadians collectively pausing to reflect on the country's role in international conflicts, on the scope of loss those conflicts have brought.

And while Remembrance Day has grown to encapsulate remembrance of the sacrifice involved in all conflicts, it's of course often the two World Wars that come to mind. Remembrance Day itself grew out of Armistice Day, which was first held throughout the British Commonwealth in 1919, and marked the official end of the First World War with an agreement signed on Nov. 11, 1918 at 11 a.m.

Just more than 20 years later, international conflict would again erupt, in a scope so wide-reaching that it physically devastated vast swaths of the planet, its implications reaching everywhere.

It's estimated that as many as 85 million people died in the Second World War, about four times as many as in the First World War, or about three per cent of all people on the earth at the time.

The implications of that are so vast that they are difficult to truly fathom, particularly for those of us with no memory of the war, which is most of us now living.

An estimated 45,000 Canadians lost their lives in the Second

World War, itself a staggering number, but it pales in comparison to the death tolls in places where the war was actually fought.

It's estimated that 20 million Chinese lost their lives. In terms of the country that lost the greatest percentage

of its population, some 2.2 million people died in Belarus, equating to more than a quarter of the country's population at the time. In Poland, nearly six million people, in Ukraine, nearly seven million. Throughout the rest of the USSR, it's estimated that more than 16.8 million died. Nine million in Germany, more than three million in Japan. More than half a million people in France, and slightly less than half a million in Italy and the United Kingdom, respectively, not to mention the lives of more than 400,000 American troops.

It's staggering to think about, and the reason why, somewhere along the line, nearly every single one of our families was affected.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

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## Wading into it

AS A DIE-HARD fly fisherman and waterfowler I know a thing or two about waders. I've had years of field experience in many different makes and models. As a result, I know how to evaluate whether waders are doing the job they were designed to do.

To be clear, the purpose of waders is to allow you to wade in water without getting wet. Therefore, your waders should be watertight and deeper than the water you intend to play in. That is the ideal situation and is typically the norm with quality waders that are new.

Unfortunately, somewhere throughout the life of the product, no matter how well-made, you will feel some measure of dampness on the inside of your waders.

At that point, before it gets any worse, a hunter or angler should evaluate the source of dampness to determine the proper course of action.

The first thing to assess is whether the leak originated from the inside or out. If it originated from the inside the solution is simple – get away from that bear or mountain lion. Or alternately, limit yourself to one pre-trip cup of coffee next time.

Leaks from the outside can be a bit more complicated.

Sure, some are obvious. The leaks coming in over the top of your waders immediately come to mind. This is often the result of forgetting that your hip waders are not your chest waders. Over the top leaks also occur when you discover a deep hole in the marsh or river that did not cause any issue for your taller friend. There are two solutions here: remember it for the next time or find a new, shorter friend.

Most times leaks from outside are far

more subtle, however. Often they occur from a pinhole, small tear or microscopic opening in the seam of the waders. These most often happen when you waded into sticks or try to cross barbed wire fences with waders on.

While most people get upset by these pinhole leaks, experienced hunters and anglers tend to put them to good use. Admittedly, there is no good use when you have bone-chilling early November water threatening to alter the level of your fertility. But these leaks do come in handy on the drive home

when you stop at a coffee shop. You see, it is my experience that you get fast tracked to the front of the line and served rather quickly when you walk into a civilized place with an obvious wet patch on the crotch or even backside of your jeans.

Major tears in your waders are a different matter altogether, however. A major leak is often caused by a friend learning to fly cast, big pointed sticks from beaver lodges or dams, or think-

ing you can get in the waders you bought 20 years ago.

These render the waders practically worthless and can ruin your whole outing. There is a plus side, however, in late autumn. Completely ruined waders mean that your friend wearing reliable waders will be the only one who can bring in the decoys and retrieve ducks if you do not have a dog.

This is good but also causes some level of resentment – especially if he or she notices that those are the same ruined waders you wore last year in November.

The good news is you can make it up to him or her by stepping in the water just before you head home. It seems like a little thing. Then again, no one likes to stand in line at the coffee shop.



**STEVE GALEA**  
*Beyond 35*



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Gone, but not forgotten

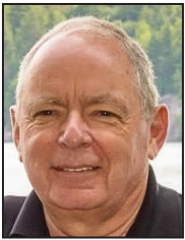
**S**LAP!!! That is the sound of my hand crushing the life out of the last mosquito of 2019.

The mosquitoes stayed late this year, possibly because of the wetness and lack of frost. I can't ever recall being bitten in October before, but this year I had several late October stings.

Now the mosquitoes finally are gone, out of sight, out of mind, until May.

It is a mistake to put them out of mind. We need to think seriously about mosquitoes and the growing health threats they present.

Our planet is warming, encouraging bugs and plants once confined to warmer southern areas to move north. Ticks carrying Lyme disease are moving beyond their normal ranges of southwestern Ontario and have reached on the edges of Haliburton County.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Mosquitoes carrying viruses not known in northern climates also are moving north. In the past 10 years or so nine previously unknown species have been added to the list of mosquitoes found in Ontario. That list has grown to 67 different species.

West Nile virus, not seen in North America until 20 years ago, is here now. *Aedes aegypti*, the mosquito capable of carrying the Zika virus, was found in southwestern Ontario two years ago.

That mosquito also has been known to carry other tropical diseases such as dengue fever, chikungunya, and yellow fever.

There also has been an increase in North America of eastern equine encephalitis, Triple E, as it is sometimes called, a once rare but deadly mosquito-borne virus. There were three confirmed Triple E deaths in Michigan this past September.

At the end of October the U.S. Centres for Disease Control reported 35 confirmed cases of Triple E this year, 10 of them in Michigan. Thirteen of those 35 infected people died.

To northerners, mosquitoes always have been just a summer annoyance. Different species moving north are a health threat not to be taken lightly.

Just ask Timothy Winegard, a professor at Colorado Mesa University and a Canadian, originally from Sarnia. His new book, *The Mosquito*, documents how mosquitoes and the diseases they carry have changed world history.

He writes that mosquitoes have killed more people than any other cause of death in human history. He estimates that mosquitoes carrying disease have killed almost one half of the 108 billion humans who have lived over the past 200,000 years.

His book documents how mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria changed war outcomes, decided the fates of empires and altered human history.

"The mosquito remains the destroyer of worlds and the preeminent and globally distinguished killer of humankind," Winegard writes in the introduction to his book.

Last year the mosquito and her diseases killed 830,000 people worldwide. I wrote her because only female mosquitoes bite. They do so to get blood needed to grow and mature their eggs.

Female mosquitoes will bite anyone with blood, but they do have some preferences. Research shows they have a special taste for Type O blood. People with Type O are bitten more often than folks with Type A or Type B.

Also, mosquitoes have an affinity for beer drinkers, although no one seems to know why.

Pregnant women get bitten twice as often as other people. Scientists say that is because pregnant women give off 20 per cent more carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) than the average person. CO<sub>2</sub> and the body chemicals that are mixed with it attract mosquitoes.

These are mild preferences that science still does not completely understand. What we do know as fact is that anyone with blood in their veins is a potential victim.

Being a victim once meant simply being irritated by an itchy bump on the skin. But that is changing as more mosquitoes carrying serious disease find their way farther north.

Many people bitten and infected with West Nile or Zika might not show any symptoms, or might temporarily feel feverish with muscle weakness.

However, West Nile and Zika can have serious consequences for some people. West Nile can infect the nervous system resulting in meningitis or encephalitis and bring on long lasting paralysis similar to polio. Zika has been linked to a serious birth defect and to Guillain-Barré syndrome.

So although they are gone, we should be thinking about being more careful about mosquito protection for when they return.

## letters to the editor

# Council climate confusion

**To the Editor,**

"The house is on fire, or it's not," Chad Ingram, in his Oct. 30 editorial for the *Times*, said it plain and simple. There is no middle ground available for climate action anymore. That opportunity disappeared decades ago. We now know, without any doubt, that "big oil" knew long ago that we were headed for the climate crisis we all now face and live with. Global corporations conspired to effectively hide the results of their research on the direct causal relationships between atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel extraction, processing, and combustion, and global warming. They followed that criminal behaviour with massive propaganda campaigns which effectively confused the issue, and fueled climate denial.

So, why would Haliburton's County council choose to defer declaring a climate emergency to some unspecified future date? Has this cautious approach actually done us a disservice? Would the declaration of climate emergency not open the doors to county-wide discussion and involvement leading to more comprehensive, effective, and timely action? The deferral closes the door for the stimulation of neighbour to neighbour discussion, broader community involvement including town hall meetings, and keeps us on the path of lost opportunity.

So again, why has council appeared to have cold feet on climate? There are a number of possibilities to briefly suggest for your consideration. First, council is comprised of one small group of our residents, temporarily given the privilege to act on our behalf and best interest across a broad spectrum of day-to-day matters of importance. There is a constant implication of pressure to perform. Council members may unfortunately feel that the declaration of a climate emergency will land the entire research, planning and delivery process solely upon their few individual shoulders. It is also grossly unreasonable to hold off declaration while downloading much of the responsibility onto a single person contracted as our climate coordinator, and buy time awaiting

his or her report. As stated above, this does not have to be the case.

Possibly council has simply been caught in a confusion of terms. Council is familiar with a state of emergency declared for a specific finite event such as a flood, temporarily opening the door to activating a planned and funded response. Declaring the recognition that we are all experiencing a chronic long-term climate emergency is not at all the same thing. Council need not fear that such a declaration puts the cart ahead of the horse. It's just the opposite.

The momentum has been building worldwide, and the growth in the number of councils that have formally recognized the climate emergency is critical in getting a climate emergency response adopted at higher levels of government. 1,174 jurisdictions in 23 countries have declared a climate emergency. Populations covered by jurisdictions that have declared a climate emergency amount to 290 million citizens. In each case, these local governments have also used their declarations as a means to exert pressure on national decision-makers. There is no single definition of a climate emergency declaration, but many see it as a drive for carbon neutrality and a mandate for further political action.

So, Haliburton County council, how about revisiting this declaration very soon. Listen to your local environmental committee councillors, and your informed and engaged citizenry. Don't hold back simply because Queen's Park is virtually silent on actual climate commitment. Let's give them a shove in the right direction. How about a motion at the 2020 annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference for a provincial climate emergency declaration.

Although climate was the totally ignored elephant in the room during our most recent municipal election, it's time for bold and courageous action council. We should not have to hold your feet to the fire!

**John Gibb**  
Minden

# OMD: One meal a day

**O**NE MEAL a Day. It's actually the title of a book by Suzy Amis Cameron. *One Meal A Day for The Planet* is the full title of the book. I haven't read it yet. The book and the movement were the topic of a podcast I listened to the other day. Anything that has to do with a lifestyle change that benefits both our health and the environment is of great interest to me. The premise is that the simple action of eating one plant-based meal a day would make a huge difference. I love the idea of that.

Eating one plant-based meal a day won't be much of a stretch for me because I haven't eaten meat or poultry in years although I do eat eggs and cheese. I recently cut out fish and seafood (I will admit that fish and chips are still hard to pass up). I can't remember what I was like when I first changed to a vegetarian type lifestyle but today, I respect the food choices of those I know and love. This new idea changes things. It's only one meal a day. We all can change one thing a day. I'm sure of it.

We can't look anywhere without seeing something about climate change. The wellbeing of the planet is on the line. This is one small action you can take to contribute to turning things around...and you get

healthier by doing it. According to the OMD website:

- Animal agriculture contributes almost 15 per cent of greenhouse gases. This is more than all transportation combined.
- Animal agriculture is the No. 1 contributor to extinction and biodiversity loss due to the land needed for grazing and growing feed for livestock.

- 17 per cent of all fresh consumption is used for livestock.
- The livestock sector is a huge contributor to global water pollution.

If the thought of taking the leap to one plant-based meal a day is too much then try one plant-based meal a week. Do that for the first week. Add another plant-based meal in week two and continue in that

fashion for seven weeks. Before you know it you'll be a full-fledged member of the OMD movement.

We all know that we need to eat our vegetables. Lots and lots of vegetables. Now there's a reason that is bigger than us to get it done.

Something to think about.

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# People made due with rationed food

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to be at least something to earn money by. They were patriotic too, don't take that away from them."

Through Marg's sister's memories, Marg knows many of the teenagers went to the Lindsay Armouries, and trained there as part of the 109th Battalion before they moved on.

"She said there was this man that had a truck with racks on it, a big truck," said Marg. "He used to take us to hockey games and stuff like that. The racks were on it and you had benches. You wouldn't do that now. He loaded the truck up with young men - my sister would have been just a couple years younger than them - and took them to Lindsay to join up ... And off they went on an adventure, and a lot of them didn't come back. They'd never been out of Victoria County probably, most of them."

Marg's grandmother helped fill the gaps after the loss of her dad alongside Marg's widowed mother. Marg remembers a table in the basement full of preserves, where she would be sent to get a jar of peaches for dessert.

"Sugar was rationed, tea was rationed," said Marg. "I can't remember all the coupons we had for food. You took them to the store and exchanged for whatever. And they were able to do the preserving. They'd done all those things, they had to. I guess the teachers [boarding at the family's house] gave them their coupon books too."

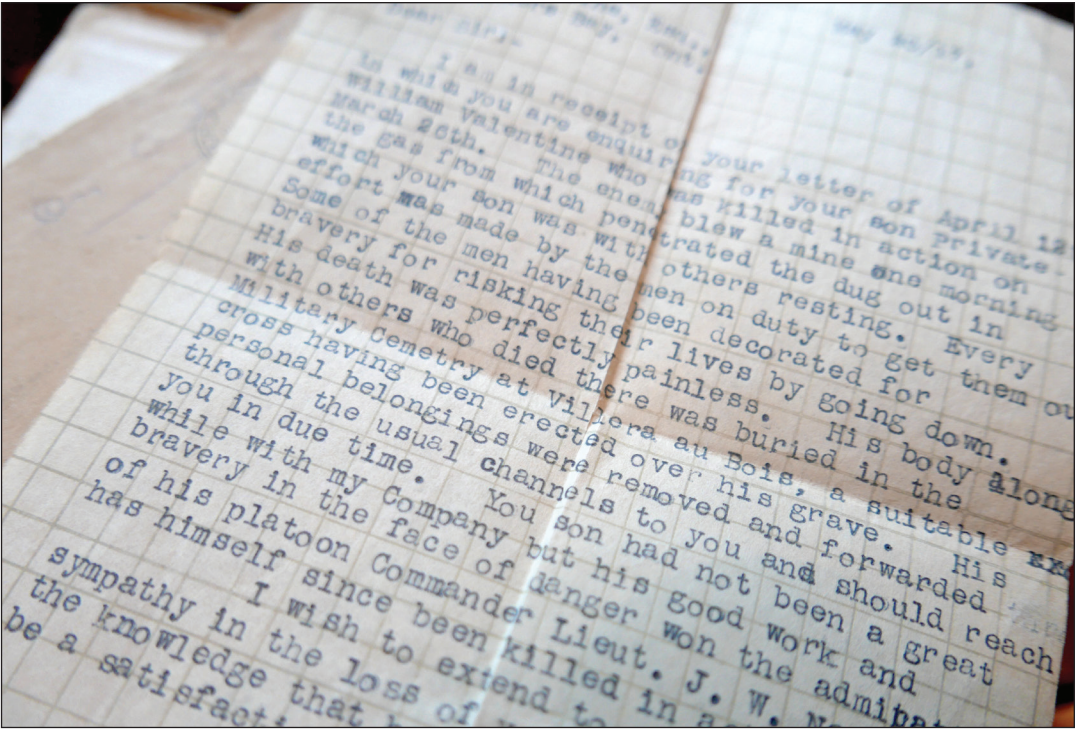
On Saturdays, students would participate in war drives, going out with a wagon to collect newspapers that they stacked in the school hallways, an image clear in Marg's mind so many years later. "And then an army truck would come along, maybe the next day, and gather them all up and take them away," said Marg.

That was one thing they saved. Also old tires, and milkweed pods, the contents of which Marg believes was used for stuffing in life preservers.

From Grades 1 through Grade 8, Marg had three teachers, who she remembers were all excellent even though there would have been days that the students weren't as focused as they should be.

"I can remember the army constituency would drive through the town and would come to the school grounds and set up for lunch," said Marg. "We'd be able to go and see them, lining up with their little tin plates for lunch, out the window. I

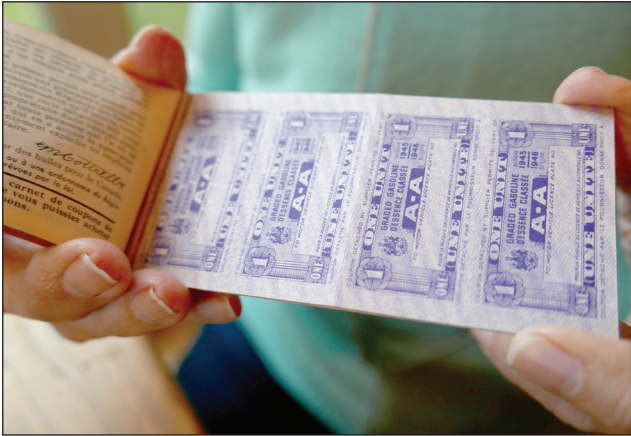
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A letter sent home to the Valentine family in May 1917 gives news that the son they enquired about in April had been killed in action on March 26th that year. The letter arrived by mail in July. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Insignias swapped by soldiers on boats found their way home, where Marg Valentine has kept them safe throughout the years.





Marg Valentine's family owned a gas station in Coboconk during wartime. Here, she shows gas ration coupons she has kept in perfect condition.



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# Remembrance Day services

## Haliburton Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 in the Legion Main Hall. Wreath Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. at the cenotaph on Highland Street. Remembrance Day lunch at noon in the Legion Club Room. Remembrance Day dinner in the Main Hall doors open at 5 p.m./dinner at 6 p.m. – tickets are \$20 per person.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the branch at 705-457-2571.

## Minden Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at the county cairn, downtown Minden in the Village Green next to the CIBC on Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 10:40 a.m.

Following the service, a light lunch will be available at the Minden branch. Those who would like to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the branch at 705-286-4541.

## Wilberforce Legion:

Douglas C. Hatch, Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce will be holding their Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph adjacent to the Lloyd Wat-

son Centre commencing at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11.

Following the service and laying of the wreaths a lunch put on by the Ladies Auxiliary will follow at the branch – by donation.

## Kinmount Legion:

Service at the cenotaph on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:45 a.m. in Kinmount. A light lunch will be available at the Kinmount Legion after the service. There will also be a small service on Monday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

## Gooderham

Service at the cenotaph in Gooderham on Monday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

## Burnt River

Service at the Burnt River Cemetery Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.

## Gelert

Service at the Gelert Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.



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# News was slow for family waiting back home

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remember we all got out of our chair, once, and my teacher was so annoyed, she had asked who had gotten out of their chair and she had to strap us all. The only time I ever got a strap. I just loved that teacher. My sister was one of her bridesmaids."

The teacher was Annie Robertson.

"Which of you were out of your chair looking out the window at the soldiers?" remembered Marg. "It was half the room, more than half the room. She was pretty worn out. I think she gave us probably one on each hand and that would be it."

Marg had a paper route, delivering papers – the *Telegram* in a bag on one shoulder, and the *Toronto Star* in a bag on the other shoulder – until she started high school.

"That newspaper business certainly did well, because of the war, because everyone wanted to know what was happening," said Marg. "And the other thing was the radio, I think at 9 or 10 o'clock at night Gabriel Heatter came on, and would say (lowering her voice) well, there's bad news today."

A map of Europe was posted on the kitchen wall, keeping track of three family members – one in the air force, one in the navy, one a paratrooper, who all eventually came back.

"I remember my mother and grandmother waiting for that news every night, because that was about all there was, plus the newspaper," said Marg.

Often when bad news came, it was delivered in person, if possible.

"If there was somebody who did get killed in the war, it came by Morse code to the railway station, and [the] station agent, he would have to get in his Star car, everybody knew his car, and if it was coming up your street, you knew that it was bringing bad news."

Marg was sitting on the veranda when she saw the car driving up her street, passing her house, and going to the Wakelin family's home to tell them that Lloyd Wakelin had been killed in service.

(According to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial, Flight Sergeant Raymond Lloyd Wakelin was killed Sept. 30, 1942 at the age of 24. He is buried in Bergen General Cemetery,

Netherlands.)

At the Pattie House, the community's women got together to knit socks, and balaclavas, and mitts with wool sent to them by the Red Cross, the organization then sending their donations overseas.

"There was always somebody who would be shipping something to their son overseas anyway," said Marg. "Whether they got it or not was another question."

In part because of the family's connection to the service station, Marg developed a keen interest in cars. "I loved cars, I couldn't wait to learn how to drive them," she said. "My mom had a '34 Chev. I was sitting in my mom's car, pretending to drive somewhere I guess. I'd be 12. My grandmother came around the veranda, around the old house, and she shouted to me that the war was over. And I was sitting in a car. I'll never forget that. It was a celebration."

Marg hasn't opened the box of wartime memorabilia she has on the table in front of her since she last brought it to a Grade 6 or 7 class to share stories of the past so they can better understand why we remember. As she digs through the box of historic treasures that she has safeguarded through the years, she can tell great details of the contents within, told to her by family through the years: the belts filled with insignia traded by the men as they sat on boats, spats to cover boots, a bible small enough to be carried in a pocket, photographs of soldiers in uniform, and a leather pouch, an old pipe, an ammunition casing, a wallet carried by a relative with his sister's photo still inside. Inside the soldier's service pay book, a template for a will, reminding those who served to make a few quick notes about where to leave \$10.

And then, the box of letters to William Valentine, posted with stamps worth two cents, marked with stickers noting "opened by censor," with an envelope on top once sent to his family. He was her husband Peter's uncle, the oldest of five Valentines in his family, and he served and died during the First World War.

"Mail came over by train to Kinmount, then by stage coach to Miner's Bay," said Marg. "You know that first house coming down the hill, before the lodge, that was a post office. The family lived further up the road, they had a farm on the left side of the highway."

The letter contains details of William's death, typed carefully on graph-lined paper, dated May 17 and preserved so that for a moment the reader has to remember the date reflects 1917 and not 2017, occurring more than 100 years ago. The envelope is stamped July 23, arriving four months after he died. "See the family hadn't heard from him," said Marg. "And they started to enquire. There were channels that you could enquire through. But, imagine in those days."

Dear Sir,

*I am in receipt of your letter of April 12th in which you are enquiring for your son private William Valentine who was killed in action on March 26th. The enemy blew a mine one morning, the gas from which penetrated the dug out in which your son was with others resting. Every effort was made by the men on duty to get them out. Some of the men having been decorated for bravery for risking their lives by going down. His death was perfectly painless. His body along with others who died there was buried in the Military Cemetery at Villera au Bois, a suitable cross having been erected over his grave. His personal belongings were removed and forwarded through the usual channels to you and should reach you in due time.*

*Your son had not been a great while with my company but his good work and bravery in the face of danger won the admiration of his platoon Commander Lieut. J.W. New who has himself since been killed in action.*

*I wish to extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son and hope that the knowledge that he always did his duty will be a satisfaction to you in your bereavement.*

*Yours respectfully, W. Wood, Major, 38th Canadian Infantry Battalion.*

The letter is carefully folded again along the crease, returned to the envelope that once brought it overseas and set to rest on top of the letters that William once received, sharing news from home and reminding him that he was loved.



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# HHHS grateful for provincial funding infusion

*Haliburton Highlands Health Services to receive \$99,000 in one-time funding*

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

On Oct. 17, the Ministry of Health announced \$68 million in funding for small- and medium-sized hospitals across the province. Haliburton Highlands Health Services received one-time funding of \$99,000, which CEO Carolyn Plummer said in her October report would “help support the continued operation of our hospital services for this fiscal year.”

“Very happy about that,” she said at the board meeting held Oct. 31. “That’s certainly going to help us with some of the financial challenges that we’re facing this year and so we’re so grateful to receive that.”

According to the MOH’s announcement, “the investment will: help ensure that Ontarians continue to have access to high-quality care; help put an end to hallway health care; address sector challenges and previous funding model inequities; promote the sustainability of hospital operations; and protect existing core services in communities across the province.”

In her report, Plummer said, “We are grateful for the investment being made by the provincial government, and for the recognition of the pivotal role that small hospitals such as HHHS play in fostering healthy communities. This funding will help HHHS ensure our community continues to have access to the critical health services needed to help it thrive.”

The MOH press release notes the province will invest \$27 billion over the next 10 years in hospital infrastructure projects across Ontario, including adding 3,000 new hospital beds.

## Seeing through patients’ eyes an eye-opening experience

Patient experience mapping, which helps HHHS better understand where services are working or what needs improvement from a patient’s perspective, has begun with those with a chronic disease or related condition who have accessed one of the county’s emergency departments in the last few months.

The work is being led in partnership with the community advisory committee.

“The first part of that mapping process was for us as an organization to put down on paper all of the steps that we know have to happen when someone comes through our doors,” said Plummer. “The next step is to take that and have a group of patients who have gone through that experience come and tell us what it’s like for them at all of those specific points in time, and that will help us identify gaps and areas where we can make some improvements.”

Plummer said the mapping was an “interesting experience.”

“Just as an example, [in undergoing the exercise] one of the first things we found is that I think it took us a good half hour to actually get through the door, by the time we talked about where our signs are, how people find us, especially at [the Minden] location where it depends on what road you come in on, how do you know where emerg is, so it took us a good deal of time even to get to that point.”

Plummer said the intent was to look at other services offered through the HHHS organization as well.

“[It was] certainly an eye opening exercise to go through about how something that sounds not all that complicated can actually have a lot of complexity associated with it,” she said.

## Imagery for LIDAR project being processed

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The imagery for the county’s LIDAR mapping project has now been successfully captured and is being processed in Calgary, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has expressed interest in assisting the county with its flood mapping.

LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images. Aerial images must be used to create LIDAR mapping, and capturing those images required so many days of clear weather. While the images were not captured during 2018, county planner Charley White said during a late October county council meeting that Airborne Imaging, the consultant the county is using for the project, had successfully captured the required images earlier in the month and they are currently being processed in Calgary. It is expected that process will take place in stages over the next couple of months.

White said she’d also received a call from the MNRF. “They’re looking to partner with the County of Haliburton . . . and looking for ways in which we can collaborate,” White said, adding the ministry had expressed interest in assisting the county with its flood mapping.

“This is kind of a miracle,” said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. “... I hope it’s as good as it appears to be.”

In 2018, the county was approved for funding from the National Disaster Mitigation Program to assist with flood prevention planning. It received nearly \$180,000, funding half the cost of Phase 1 of a county flood mitigation project. The county provided the rest of the funding in its 2018 budget. Phase 1 of the project includes the Burnt River and lower Gull River watersheds, which are prone to spring flooding.

## Wade In Haliburton

The county has a new online public engagement platform, where it is currently soliciting feedback from residents regarding the creation of a shoreline protection bylaw. County planner Charley White told councillors that response has been strong. To learn more or to participate, visit <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/>

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## SPORTS

# Runners show great resolve at OFSAA championship

by KAREN GERVAIS

Special to the Times

Red Hawk cross-country runners Nick Phippen and Isaac Little travelled to snowy Sudbury for the OFSAA cross-country championships Saturday, Nov. 2, held in Kivi Park. After getting hit with a snowstorm Thursday night and the snow and drizzle that kept falling all day Saturday, runners faced gruelling trail conditions trudging through snow and slush for the 4k, 5k and 6k courses.

Both runners encountered challenges during the run and neither raced to their potential. Phippen got spiked early on and the cold conditions resulted in Little's calves freezing up during the race. Despite this, both runners retained their grit, completing the course the best they could. Phippen finished 144 in a field of 258 junior boys. Little was 110 out of 270 in the senior boys division.

Many runners lost footing and shoes in the snow and mud and were seen carrying them to the finish line.

Phippen and Little remained positive about the experience, acknowledging it was an accomplishment to make it there and even be a part of an event so big. They took it in stride as another exercise in resiliency and are instead focused on the future and looking forward to running distance again in the track and field season in the spring.

Other runners with local ties to compete at the meet included Campbell Smith, who finished 117 in novice girls and Evan Armstrong, who ran a strong race to place 68th in novice boys. Campbell now attends I.E. Weldon and Armstrong runs for Lakefield College.

Middle photo: Nick Phippen, in red, runs through the snow at the OFSAA cross-country championship on Nov. 2. Although he experienced challenges along the way, he stuck with it, finishing 144th in a field of 258 junior boys. /Photo submitted



Above: Isaac Little pushes himself to run up the hill at the OFSAA championship in Sudbury. The race was particularly difficult because of the cold temperatures. Little finished 110 out of 270 in the senior boys division. /Photo submitted

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## Festival of Trees

This raffle event is an opportunity for you to win from a delightful assortment of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, gift baskets, gift certificates and much more!

**November 22**

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**November 23**

10am to 6pm

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Visit the **Fantasy Christmas Land Cafe** then enjoy touring the

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Minden's  
**Santa Claus Parade**

Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30am

This event is great fun for the whole family to start Christmas season in Minden Hills. Floats start at the Curling Club parking lot, Parkside Street to Bobcaygeon Road, through the town of Minden and ends at the township office parking lot on Milne Street.

Please **DO NOT** park on Main Street leading up to the parade

**Christmas Artisan Market**

Sunday, November 24th 11am-4pm

SG Nesbitt Community Centre  
Parkside Street

This is a great opportunity to buy local, handmade products (quilts, felted items, wood products, pottery, jewelry and more) from over 30 artisans. Just in time for the Holiday Season and gift-giving. Admission is free.







The Red Hawks boys' varsity football team came together for a photo following a 28-7 win over St. Peter Catholic Secondary School to end the Kawartha High School Football League season on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks scoring came from Camden Marra, who had two touchdowns, Carson Sisson with one and a two-point convert, and Desi Davies with one, including a two-point convert. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Hawks soar past Saints in season finale

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Answers on page 16

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

The Red Hawks ended the 2019 Kawartha High School Football League season on a high note, dominating the visiting Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School to the tune of 28-7.

It was their first win of the six-game season. A dedicated group of supporters, bundled up against the cold wind coming off Head Lake, were there to see the players, smiling from the sidelines.

The offensive scoring in this game was led by Grade 11 player Camden Marra, who scored two touchdowns. Scoring also came from Carson Sisson and Desi Davies, who scored touchdowns. The team scored a pair of two-point converts, which Sisson and Davies finished.

Marra, a first-year senior on the varsity team playing tailback said he didn't mind stepping into play quarterback in this game when injuries to both quarterbacks left the team no other choice.

He credits his teammates for his success. "It was definitely nerve wracking, but I had a great group of guys with me that were helping me out. The previous two quarterbacks were helping me as well," he said, referring to understanding and executing plays.

The win against the Saints was more than satisfying, as the team not only doubled its scoring in one game, but kept the visitors to just one touchdown, which was a statistical bright spot for the Hawks on the season.

The Hawks were ranked fifth in defence among the field of eight teams when it came to points allowed.

Challenges this season included low turnout for tryouts and injuries leading to players playing iron man football: individuals playing defence and offence.

The team started with close to a couple dozen players and by the Saints win the team was left with closer to a little more than a dozen players. It left players playing on both sides of the ball and playing multiple positions and learning new positions on the fly.

Marra was one example, as he not only took snaps as quarterback like this game, but also playing in the secondary where he was a defensive back, covering receivers on passing routes, and also on special teams where he also returned punts.

He is expecting to return to play next autumn in Grade 12.

Despite the difficulties of the season, Marra appreciated the opportunity to play "It was definitely tough with injuries, but we were able to keep the team alive. It's still fun. Even if you're losing, it's still a fun game," he said.

The team finished the season 1-6-0.



Red Hawks players Desi Davies and Carson Sisson celebrate a touchdown scored late in the fourth quarter against the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints.



## Curlers enjoy the She and I bonspiel in Minden

The Minden Curling Club kicked off their season with the annual Heather Lodge She and I Bonspiel. The club had 16 teams registered for a total of 64 players. The bonspiel was sponsored by Heather Lodge and

Boshkung Brewery provided breakfast for the curlers. The overall winner with top score for the bonspiel was Team Speakman.

*Submitted by Deb MacLean*



First draw, first place: Team Fisher

Skip: Bruce Fisher, Vice: Melanie Vigrass, Second: Doug Brown, Lead: Carol Alain



Second Draw, First Place: Team Speakman

Skip: Larry Speakman, Vice: Dianna Speakman, Second: Randy Cain, Lead: Carol Cain



## Bowling Scores

### Monday afternoon, Oct. 28

#### High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 223

Men – Rick West – 231

#### This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 260

High Single Hcp – Cathy Snell – 263

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 720

High Triple Hcp – Cathy Snell – 729

#### This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Fred Phipps -258

High Single Hcp – Fred Phipps -295

High Triple – Rick West – 663

High Triple Hcp – John Whitty – 667

### Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Oct 29

#### Men

High Average Ken Thompson 191

High Single Claude Cote 223

High Single H/C Claude Cote 252

High Triple Claude Cote 621

High Triple H/C Claude Cote 708

#### Women

High Average Chris Cote 180

High Single Olga Mark 233

High Single H/C Olga Mark 302

High Triple Olga Mark 566

High Triple H/C Olga Mark 773

### Thursday Afternoon Seniors Oct 31

#### Ladies:

High Average: Nancy Charlton 197

High Single: Edith Shirran 197

High Single w/hdcp: Gladys Routcliffe 261

High Triple: Debbie Cox 532

High Triple w/hdcp: Debbie Cox 706

#### Men:

High Average: Doug Reinwald 196

High Single: Jim Routcliffe 204

High Single w/hdcp: Stu Vanderburg 263

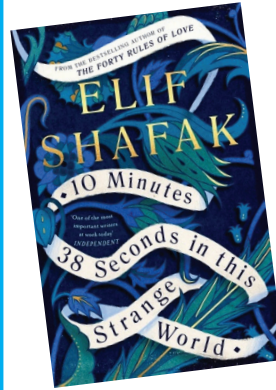
High Triple: Gerry Wagg 567

High Triple w/hdcp: Stu Vanderburg 750

### Haliburton Red wolves Bowling Scores

Melinda Nesbit 214, Casey Heley 210, Sarah Hudson 185, Emily Boccitto 181, Brodie Mason 178, Skylar Pratt 170

## Book of the Month - November



*10 minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World* by Elif Shafak

In the first minute following her death, Tequila Leila's consciousness begins to ebb. Her brain cells, having run out of blood, become deprived of oxygen. But they don't shut down right away...

For Leila, each minute after her death brings a sensuous memory: the taste of goat stew, sacrificed by her father to celebrate the long-awaited birth of a son; the sight of bubbling vats of lemon and sugar which the women use to wax their legs while the men attend mosque; the scent of cardamom coffee that Leila shares with a handsome student where she works. Each memory, too, recalls the friends she made at each key moment in her life - friends who are now desperately trying to find her. . .

*10 minutes* was shortlisted for this year's Booker prize, and it is available at HCPL.

## Indoor Halloween in Dorset

The kids Halloween Hike & Party didn't quite go as planned due to the weather but thanks to the wonderful volunteers and some quick thinking, the party was still a huge success. Once it became obvious the rain was going to be an issue the party was moved indoors to the Rec Centre. To keep up with the hike theme, the gym was transformed into a spooky forest haunted by ghosts, scarecrows and glowing eyes. Following the arrows on the ground, children go from station to station and participate in the various activities and then receive a yummy treat (or two). Again, huge thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible. Hopefully the weather cooperates next year and we'll see you out on the haunted trail!

Join Ardith Symmes for Gentle Yoga on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own mat (if

they have one), a towel and wear comfortable clothing. These classes are designed to work on improving balance and maintaining mobility, with the focus on the breath, body awareness, flexibility, and stress reduction. Yoga poses will take you from the floor, to hands and knees and standing positions. The cost is \$10 per person. All levels welcome. For more information contact Ardith at 705-766-0686.

Dorset Indoor Model Airplane & Helicopter Flying on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the gym. All interested flyers (children welcome) should contact Peter Kourtz at 705-766-2722 for more information. \$2 per person and gym shoes are required.

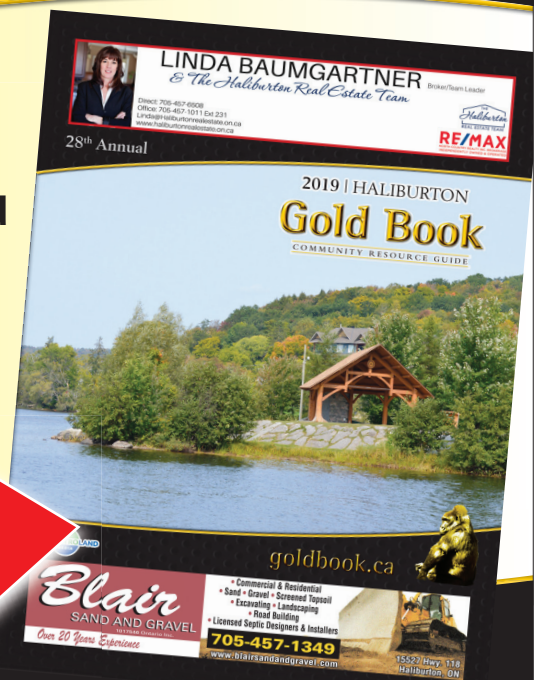
Happy birthday to Janice Jones, Devon MacKay, Anna Haley, Patricia Thompson and Linda Pagandam. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

*Lee Ross, Dorset News*

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Where: Radio Hall of Canoe FM.  
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**Haliburton: Food Handler Course**

When: Thursday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.  
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

**Harvest Dinner**

When: Friday, Nov. 8, two sittings: 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave.  
\$20/adult, \$10 child (13-6), under five free  
Turkey Dinner, Home-made Pie, Tea or Coffee  
Tickets available at: Thrift Shop, Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Jeff Moulton**

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom  
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members  
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

**Eleanor Cooper presents: Haliburton's Got Talent, "A share for water concert"**

When: Sunday Nov. 10, 2 p.m.  
Where: West Guilford Community Ctr.  
Featuring: Carl Dixon, Bill Gliddon, Julie Barbin's dancers, Luba Carghill and more  
Entrance by donation at the door. All proceeds to Water Ambassadors Canada  
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**Heat Bank Night**

When: Sunday, Nov. 10, 6 to 9 p.m.  
Where: Rhubarb  
Tickets: \$50 per person  
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**Environment Haliburton!/Abbey Retreat Centre Enviro-Café**

When: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.  
Where: Abbey Retreat Centre, 1150 Garden Gate Drive, off #118 near W. Guilford  
What: An exploration of grief in the face of climate change to help us on the way forward  
Cost: By donation  
For more information: Eric Lilius: 705-854-1497

**No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic**

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.  
Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

**Sexual Health Clinic**

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appt., call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

**Introduction to Group Hypnotherapy**

When: Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Minden  
At this free workshop, participants will learn about the power of the unconscious mind and how hypnotherapy works to resolve a number of mental, emotional and physical issues. Participants will also have an experience of a group hypnotherapy session focused on stress relief and overall wellness. Space is limited so registration is required. Go to [www.suebowe.com/hypnotherapy](http://www.suebowe.com/hypnotherapy) to register.



**Trick or treat**

Vienna Boyko, 1, stands with siblings Nadia, 7, and Luke, 5, before going into the library during the Trick or Treat at the Museum event on Thursday, Oct. 31 in Minden. Held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Halloween, the event also encouraged people to walk the cultural centre grounds and explore the old buildings such as the Bowron House./  
**DARREN LUM Staff**



Library assistant Nicole Dolliver hands out treats to children during the Trick or Treat at the Museum event.

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Minden Cultural Centre's Shannon Quigley, a curatorial programming assistant, places a lantern down during the Trick or Treat event.



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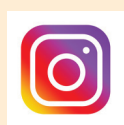
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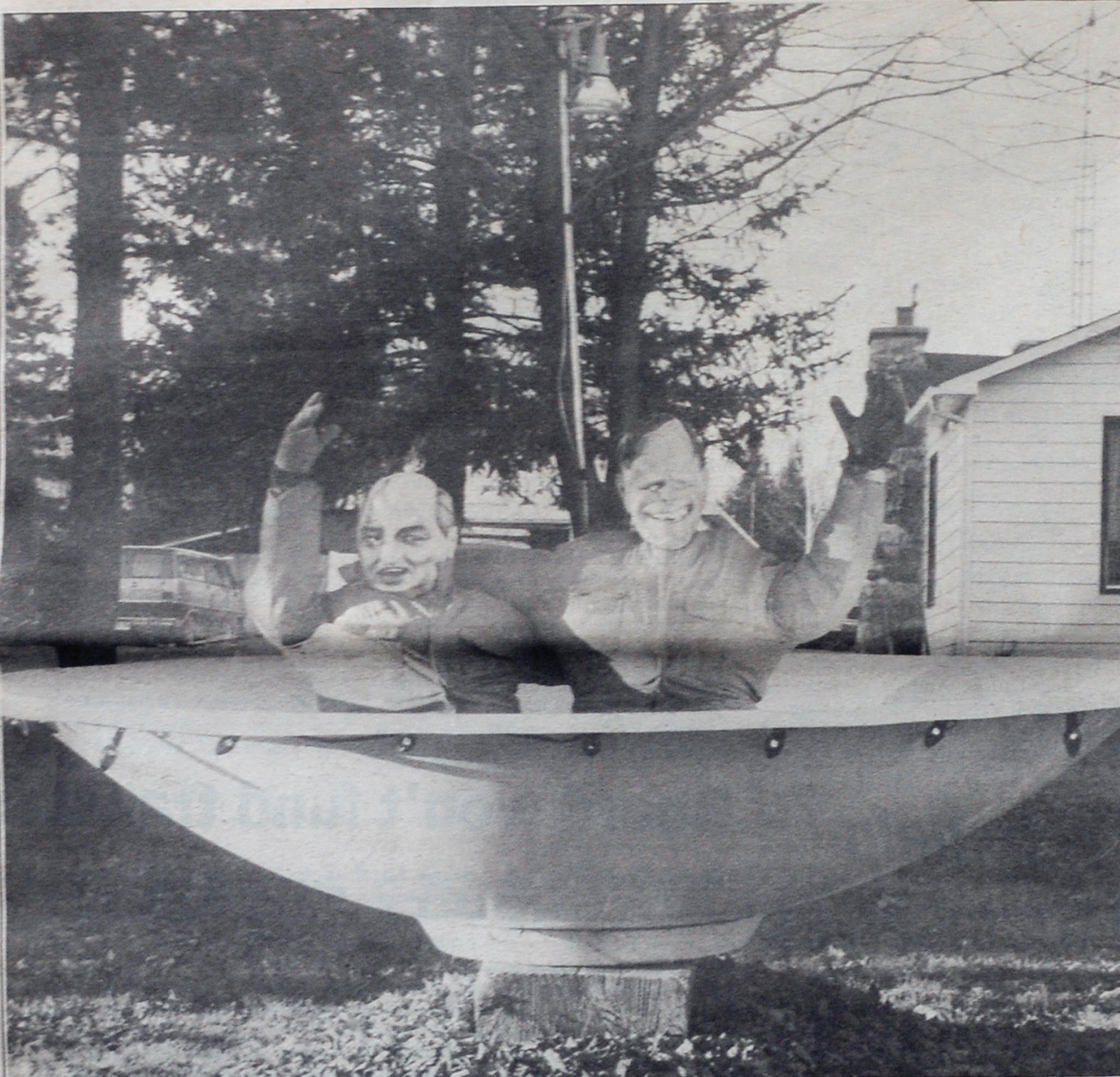
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## Local seminar will focus on safety for adults, kids

by Susan Grober

Do you feel nervous about walking the streets at night, but still don't feel up to learning about karate chops or judo kicks as self defense?

Well, a local seminar on personal safety may be just the thing for you. Presented by the Family Violence Co-ordinating Committee and sponsored by the Canadian Calorie Counters, the seminar will be held at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on November 13 at 7 p.m. The idea came from requests from June Phillips of Minden who felt a workshop was needed in the area.

Self protection for adults and children and domestic violence will be the topics of discussion, says Constable Mike Maybee of the Minden OPP.

"We're not talking about self defense, but what you should and shouldn't do in certain situations, and things that parents should be thinking about when they're discussing safety matters with their children," he says.

Prevention is an often over-looked method of self protection. "Primarily, being aware of your circumstances and your options at any time in any situation" is important, says Maybee, who offers some examples of common mistakes people make, risking their safety.

"When driving through the city, how many people lock the doors of their car? How many people take a short cut as opposed to the lit way on a deserted stretch of highway, and how many people

(more on page 2)

## Hospital expansion still awaits approval

MPP Dennis Drainville says bureaucracy and bigger issues are delaying decision

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The Ontario government is still committed to building a chronic care facility in Haliburton County, but residents shouldn't expect a ground breaking ceremony in the near future says Victoria-Haliburton's MPP.

"I think we're looking at the issue being decided within a year's time," Dennis Drainville told *The Times* in an interview on Friday. "I don't consider that too long when you're dealing with

such a huge government."

During last summer's election campaign, Bob Rae visited the riding twice to offer his support for Drainville's candidacy. On both occasions he promised that if the NDP were elected, Haliburton's chronic care facility would be built.

Ever since Ontario voters swept the NDP into office, Drainville says he's had Haliburton residents asking him when construction of the facility will begin.

But several factors are affecting the government's ability to immediately fulfill the election promise, he says.

The NDP made campaign commitments with the expectation that the party would inherit a balanced budget from the Liberal government. As it turns out, Ontario is running a projected \$2.5 billion deficit for this year, forcing the NDP to re-examine its financial situation.

Drainville says the hospital expansion has to compete for the government's

attention with a lot of other issues.

"The government is facing significant problems with energy, the environment, education, health and the deficit, all very pressing concerns," he said. "The Haliburton Hospital expansion take its place amid all these concerns."

One of the obstacles that Drainville faces in trying to usher the chronic care facility through the system is that, as a rookie MPP, he's still learning how

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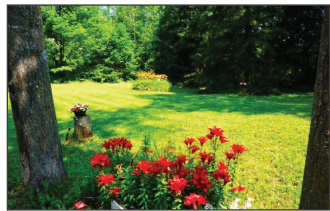
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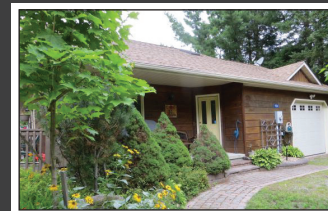
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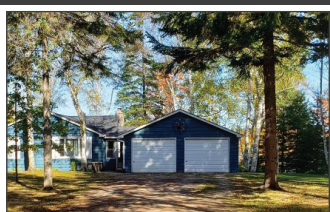
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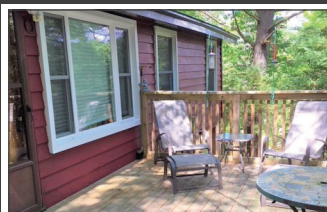
- Apprx 103 Ft Frtg, 0.16 Acr
- Apprx 1670 Sq Ft, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath
- N/W Sunsets, Shallow/Sandy Beach
- Attached Garage



Tom Ecclestone\*  
286-2138 x 26

### South Lk Cottage/Home \$579,000

- Western exposure, 3 bedrooms, sand beach
- Well treed level lot, sand beach, stone fireplace
- Attached two car garage, minutes to Minden



Lindsay Elder\*\*  
457-5878

### Spar Lake \$324,500

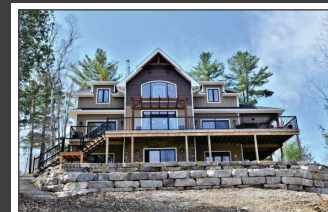
- Lovingly cared for 2-bedroom cottage
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
- Many outdoor living area, spacious fire pit
- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!



Lee Gauthier\*\*  
489-9968

### Kushog Lake \$319,000

- Snowmobilers' dream - on major trail system!!!
- 3 bdrm winter use cottage, sunset view
- Absolutely charming - 12x16 closed porch



Fred Heinzler\*\*  
788-5825

### Lakefront Home \$1,188,000

- 3,880 sqft post & beam, custom built in 2018
- 4 beds, 5 bathrooms, walkout basement
- 104' waterfront on Gooderham Lk



Andrew Hodgson\*\*\*  
286-2138 x 29

### Kashagawigamog Lake \$499,999

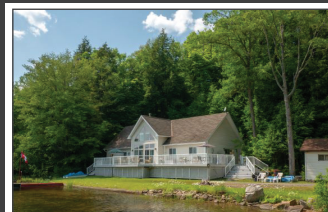
- Level building lot on our 5-lake system
- Easy access off Wonderland Road
- Just 5 minutes from Haliburton



Susanne James\*  
& Andy Mosher\*\*  
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### Wenona Lake \$249,900

- Prime lot, SW exposure
- 136 feet frontage, clean rock/sand shoreline
- Municipal year round road access



Rosemarie Jung\*  
457-7049

### Redstone Lake \$699,000

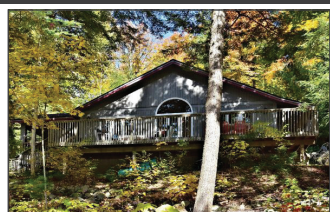
- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake



David Lee\*  
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### Black Lake \$399,000

- 1,400 sq ft Log Cottage
- Open concept, 3 bed + Bunkie
- Clean waterfront



Brandon Nimigon\*  
457-2128 x 27

### Redstone Lake \$825,000

- Warm & inviting open concept interior
- 3 spacious bedrooms, full lower level
- Nestled on private 0.74-acre lot with 166' sand/rock shoreline



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
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### Moore Lake \$448,000

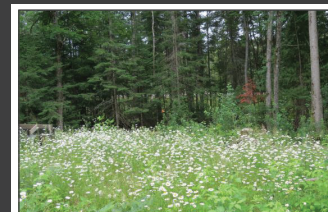
- Lovely open concept Viceroy style cottage
- 3 bedrooms & sunroom overlooking the lake
- 3 lake chain for great boating and fishing



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

### Holmes Road \$35,900

- Partially cleared, half acre building lot
- Within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce
- Quiet residential area



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

### Loop Road \$49,900

- Harcourt property over 3 acres
- Building site cleared in a park like setting



Christine Sharp\*  
286-2138 x59

### Building Lot \$74,900

- Beautifully forested & private 2+ acre lot
- Ski in trail to Sir Sam's adjacent to the property
- Just a short drive from the town of Eagle Lake



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 28

### Beautiful Family Home \$624,900

- Open concept main level w/stone fireplace
- 4 bedrooms + gym, master w/amazing ensuite
- Full unfinished basement, double garage
- Members only park & boat launch on 5-lk chain



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 32

### Bungalow \$209,000

- Fantastic Starter/Retirement Home
- 2 Bdrm + Den/1 Bath, Main Flr Laundry
- FAO and Woodstove Heat
- Deck, Fenced Area and Storage Shed



Tom Wilkinson  
286-2138 x 25

### Eagle Lake Village \$419,000

- 3 bath, 3+ bedroom home
- Close to skiing and public beach
- Private country setting



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

### Haliburton Home \$165,000

- Ideal intown starter or retirement home
- Walking distance to all Haliburton amenities
- Open concept with 2 bedrooms, 4-pc Bath
- Propane furnace, drilled well, town sewers

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